

Newsletter

June 2022

Welcome to our June update. We are keen to keep you informed with information relevant to SEND and Walsall. Regular updates can also be found on our Facebook page so please do give us a [like](#).



Parent / Carer Workshops

At Walsall SENDIAS we will be running parent carer workshops every month where you can learn more about how children and young people with special educational needs/disabilities (SEND) can be supported. Please join us and improve your knowledge of the law around SEND so you feel more confident in discussions and understanding decisions.

Our upcoming sessions are:

Walsall SENDIAS – What we do

Thursday 30th June 11am - 12pm

Virtual session

Preparation for Adulthood

Thursday 7th July, 1pm– 2pm

Virtual session

Requesting an EHC Needs Assessment

Tuesday 19th July, 11am – 12pm

Manor Farm Community Centre

Please email us at

walsallsendias@family-action.org.uk for more details and to book your place.

Drop in Session with SENDIAS

Do you have any questions about:

- What Walsall SENDIAS do?
- Anything SEND related?

Join our friendly team for an informal chat at Manor Farm Community Centre on the following date:

Monday 27th June, 10am – 12pm

Please contact us to book in advance

SEN Information Fair

FACE Walsall will be hosting a SEN Information Fair on **Thursday 23rd June, 10am - 12pm at Bloxwich Active Living**. A number of services will be there and SENDIAS will be there too! Please pop along to see us.

Phone Number for SENDIAS

Our office number is **01922 612008** – there is a 24 hour messaging service and we aim to respond to all initial enquiries within **2 working days**. Please leave any message and the team will get back to you.



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We are pleased to say our website now has a new Young People's Area!

Please click [here](#) to look and do let us know what you think.

Ofsted Re-inspection Have Your Say before 17th June!

Re-visit of Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council from 20 June 2022 to 22 June 2022.

The Local Area SEND Services Inspection was completed in February 2019, following which significant failings were found in the way that SEND services were delivered in Walsall and the Local Area was instructed to develop and deliver a Written Statement of Action (WSOA) outlining how it intended to improve services for children with SEND.

This re-inspection is to assess how well the Local Area have achieved what was set out in the WSoA and whether sufficient progress has been made.

During the re-visit, Ofsted and CQC inspectors will be keen to speak to as many children and young people and their parents and carers as possible – find out more [here](#) where you will find the link to the online survey.

Keep an eye on our Facebook page where we will also share the details.

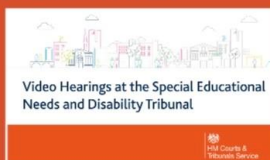
Video Hearings at the Special Educational Needs and Disability Tribunal

Help with Online Hearings in the SEND Tribunal



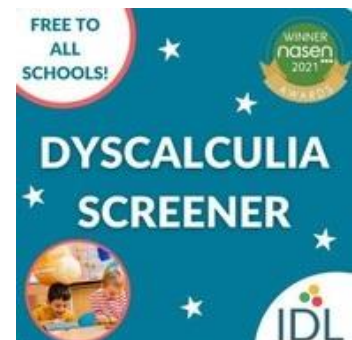
Do you have an online hearing at the Special Educational Needs and Disability Tribunal? Would you like to find out about what to expect and how you can prepare?

Then check out this film on the HMCTS YouTube page, by scanning the barcode or following this link:
<https://youtu.be/SPEMtWWYAZ8>



These films have been developed by the Centre for Socio-Legal Studies at the University of Oxford, and Oxford Brookes University in partnership with the Courts Service and Judges.

Dyscalculia Screener



The brand new IDL numeracy screener is **FREE** of charge to all schools.

Find out more [here](#)



[SENDIAS Wants You!](#)

We are looking for parents and carers to join our new steering group.

The SENDIAS Steering Group will ensure we meet national minimum standards for a SENDIAS Service, and monitors that we operate in an impartial and confidential way.

The Steering group agrees the objectives for the service and will be made up of parent carers, young people, voluntary groups, and other representatives.

If you are a parent or carer of a child with SEND and would like to be involved, please email us at:
walsallsendiass@family-action.org.uk



You can access **FREE** and impartial advice from us on any aspect of SEN/disability in relation to education, health and social care for children and young people 0-25 years – just contact us with you questions.

[SENDIAS Feedback](#)

We welcome all feedback on our service. If you have used our service, we would appreciate it if you could complete a brief survey regarding the information and support you received from the team at Walsall SENDIAS.

Please complete the survey [here](#)
Thank you!

[Cerebra Sleep Support](#)

Many families struggle when a child is not sleeping.

Cerebra provide a sleep support service; they offer telephone support, virtual webinars and top tips.



Find out more on [here](#)

[Walsall Holiday Activity and Food Programme \(HAF\)](#)



A free and exciting holiday programme for children and young people aged 5 to 16 who are eligible for free school meals. You'll be able to book summer holiday activities from Monday 4th July - all the information you need can found [here](#)

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